

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Ladies and gentlemen, if I may have just a moment of your time to ask that you join me in acknowledging the death of former Congressman Beerman.

PRESIDENT: Could we have more order on the floor while Senator Murphy is talking?

SENATOR MURPHY: I think it is particularly appropriate inasmuch as Mr. Beerman was killed while returning home from having testified before a committee of this Legislature that afternoon. Ralph is or was the kind of a citizen that we all asked for. He was extremely active in his church, in the schools, in his community, in county offices, a two-term director presently serving on the Nebraska Public Power Board, and a former Congressman. I think it's entirely fitting that this body acknowledge the passing of the kind of a person that Ralph was. I would ask that you not only join me in moving this resolution forward, but I would invite those of you who would care to sign with Senator Hefner and I that resolution that I may deliver to his wife. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Ralph Beerman was a personal friend of mine. I had visited with him the afternoon previous to the plane accident. He was a dedicated and a conscientious individual. He was a hard working man; he was fair. He was a devoted husband; he was a worthy citizen and a good man. He was a man of courage and he was a man of conviction. He believed in what he stood for. He was also a man who could adjust to changes and this he did and he worked hard for the welfare of all of Nebraska citizens. I therefore move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the resolution regarding the death of Ralph Beerman. Record your vote, please. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. General File. Commence with LB 182.

CLERK: LB 182 was read on February 17. There were no committee amendments. There is presently pending an amendment offered by Senator Venditte. It's found on page 521 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: First explain the bill and then your amendment, Senator.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would first of all ask unanimous consent to withdraw the original amendments as proposed last week by me.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? There is an objection. There is no objection. Senator, if you want to be recognized, you turn your light on. Do you object? The Chair will recognize Senator Goodrich.